

HB 5299

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have a 4 year old daughter who suffers from a FATAL seizure disorder.

She has suffered seizures that have lasted more than 45 minutes and needs diastat administered within the first 5 minutes. Often her seizures will result in her stopping breathing where she has had to be rushed to a ventilator.

It scares me that the nurses office in the school is very far from her class room and if she were to have a seizure in school it could be devastating. The administering of the diastat can save her life.

Diastat is a simple suppository that can be administered with ease, there is no reason that any adult in the presence of a child who is seizing should not be able to administer this necessary drug.

Common sense needs to be used in this situation. The liability from not administering the medication in a timely manner far out weighs the liability from a non RN administering the drug to stop the seizure. Would one wait for the fire department if they had access to a fire extinguisher?

Thank you,

James Bremm